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MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

In this extra we shall set forth some of Mayville's claims upon those who propose a change of residence or business, and we hope to sufficiently demonstrate that, taking it all in all, there are few better locations in the wide world for general manufacturing than this city. While the mercantile interests of a community are an essential feature and the professional talent a necessary part of a city, it is generally admitted that thriving manufacturing industries are the great desideratum and give more permanency and rapidity of growth to any place than all other interests combined. The merchant brings to us the commodities of commerce and is usually generous in dividing his profits to charities and enterprises of public good, but the legitimate manufacturer opens a permanent investment for capital at remunerative rates, giving employment to the laborers of a community, and enhances the value of all farm products in his immediate section. Mayville with her railroad facilities and healthy location offers superior inducements to those who may desire to make investments within her borders. Lands are cheap, laborers plenty, educational advantages of high grade, her citizens noted for their culture, hospitality and generous welcome toward good citizens from other states or countries—and with a map of the county before him, any observer may readily see how advantageously this city is located with reference to the coal interests and shipping conveniences on the Ohio river.

Manufacturers, capitalists and those in search of healthful and pleasant homes in a refined and advanced community cannot fail to see the great advantage which we possess. Many who in the emigration excitement of the past decade, left this section of Kentucky for homes in the West, have realized their mistake and are returning to this section, content with its superior advantages. Mason county is becoming thickly populated, and the surrounding acres can furnish abundance of room upon which to build a city as large as New York, without being compelled to go up four teen stories in order to find room enough in which to stow away our inhabitants. This is already a city of homes, in which a considerable portion of the inhabitants own commodious residences, with plenty of breathing space. There is still room to double or treble the population within the present incorporation without serious crowding.

But we have digressed; manufacturing is our theme. It is eminently proper in a descriptive review of this character that the men or corporations who have really done something; who have ventured their time and means to the establishment of industrial work, and liberally dispensed their money in our midst for the construction of buildings, salary to employees and purchase of material, should have deserving mention. As these industries use up the raw materials of the county at remunerative prices and dispense large amounts in weekly wages, which revert to the till of our merchants and mechanics, the municipality can well afford to give them liberal encouragement. On thriving manufacturing industries the growth and continued prosperity of our city largely depends, and those who are working for its upbuilding should receive due credit.

MAYSVILLE TELEPHONE CO.

The Mayville Telephone Co. is an independent company which was granted a franchise and began operations here in 1896. J. W. Chambers, the present Manager, was the instigator of the business, and it is largely through his efforts that our city possesses the modern telephone advantages that she has. The price of rentals is very moderate, but \$24 being charged for business places, \$15 for offices and \$12 for residences. The system has been gradually improved and increased since its inception, and the local exchange now has over 200 connections with 170 city subscribers. A network of wires throughout the county connect nearly every suburban town and an excellent service is furnished, requiring the services of three operators and necessary linemen. The service is rapidly increasing and 10 new phones are now being placed in various places in the city. A new switchboard was recently put into the exchange. It is the latest improved kind and greatly facilitates the work of the office.

J. H. RAINS & CO.

Dealers in Leaf Tobacco, Grain, Wheat, Seeds, Flour, Etc.

The firm name of J. H. Rains & Co. has been a fixture in the mercantile circles of Mayville since 1853, the firm having been reorganized three years ago with J. H. Rains and his sons, James M. and John C., as the members. At that time they established themselves in their commodious quarters at No. 131 West Third Street, where they have a brick building 40x55 feet with four floors. Here they handle leaf tobacco, grain, seeds, flour and feed, making a specialty of buying and shipping tobacco and wheat, having handled over 400,000 pounds of leaf tobacco last year. This is all rehandled and packed by them and shipped largely to Cincinnati. The members of this firm are all natives of Mayville. They are all careful and successful business men, give their personal attention to the various branches of their business and enjoy the respect and confidence of the trade and of all who know them.

JANUARY & WOOD CO.

INCORPORATED.

A. M. J. Cochran President, R. A. Cochran Secretary—The Mayville Cotton Mills.

One of the leading manufacturing industries of Mayville, and one that is known throughout nearly every state in the Union, is the January & Wood Co. This business was established by William Showell in 1834, who built the rear building of the present extensive plant, which is now known as the old part. Showell's career was short lived, and William Goalin succeeded him. The latter carried on the business for several years, and in 1844 it passed into the hands of Henry Lee. In the same year a large main building was erected and the business increased. Mr. Lee's proprietorship lasted until 1848, when Messrs. Shultz, Mannen, Stillwell & January became proprietors. One after another of these gentlemen drew out of the concern, and in 1851 the mill became the property of A. M. January and B. W. Wood, under the firm name of January & Wood, through whose management it grew and prospered until its present prominent position has been attained.

The power is supplied by three engines, the largest one of 500 horse-power being a fine and modern piece of mechanism. The plant includes several large buildings, the main part being four stories in height. Here 250 hands find steady employment under J. M. Scott, who serves in the capacity of Superintendent. He is a skilled and experienced mechanic and has competent foremen under him in the various departments.

The product of the mill consists largely of Carpet Warp, Twine, Rope, Battling, Mop Yarn, Wick, Clothes Lines, Staging, Trot Line, etc., the firm, however, making a specialty of the famous "Mayville" brand of Carpet Warp. This warp has gained a wide and enviable reputation among weavers generally and

LIMESTONE CIGAR FACTORY.

E. A. Robinson & Co., Proprietors—No. 37 West Second Street.

Most smokers are aware that there is a good deal of trickery in the cigar trade, not to say danger to the consumers, from the character of the materials used and the surroundings of the operatives. Just now many of the manufacturers, particularly in the city of New York, are engaged in a concerted movement to force a resumption of tenement-house cigar-making—an injustice to the workman, who is compelled to perform his labor in the same wretched room where his half-clad and ill-fed family eat, sleep, cook and perform all the duties of life, and where scum, filth and disease conspire to render the product of labor so performed especially grateful to the sensitive nostrils and nerves of those dainty gentlemen who "can't imagine what the poor devil who works for a living is kicking about, don't cher know." The man who would knowingly smoke a tenement-house cigar deserves a case of smallpox in his most virulent form.

It is consoling to know that even in this day of keen competition and unscrupulous rivalry there are cigar manufacturers who think more of personal honor and common decency than of ill-gotten gains, and even seem to prosper by straight methods. Mayville presents an instance of this kind in the firm of E. A. Robinson & Co., who began in the manufacture of cigars in their present location in May, 1875. They occupy three floors 30x130 feet and furnish employment to 30 hands. The tobacco used in the manufacture is bought at the most favorable markets, principally New York, Chicago, Cincinnati and Baltimore. The brand which bears the name of the factory—Limestone—is an excellent cigar and is one of the best 10-cent cigars on the market, and the excellent quality of it is kept up to the standard testified to by the fact that it is probably the oldest brand of cigar in existence, having been on the market for 25 years. The other special brand of 10-cent cigars made by this house is La Constellation, while the Honey Bee, Quito and C. and O. Route are all established and well-known 5-cent brands, the Honey Bee having enjoyed a continuous and growing patronage for 14 years. Three men are "on the road" looking after the trade, which is largely confined to Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia, and especially along the C. and O. Railroad, and some idea of the magnitude of the business may be gained from the fact that the output last year was 1,655,000 cigars. Mr. Robinson has a neatly arranged and attractive retail department. He personally conducts his business and through his long years of business connection in Mayville has become known as a liberal and progressive business man and reputable citizen of high standing.

FRANK L. STEWART.

Frank L. Stewart, who conducts a cigar factory at No. 330 East Second street, is a native of Mayville. He is a cigar-maker of many years experience, and five years ago engaged in business for himself. His special brands are Reality and Sweet Rose in five-cent grades and he manufactures the Eldorado as a 2-for-five for his own trade. His trade is largely local.

W. A. SCHATZMANN.

No. 10 East Second Street.

Mr. W. A. Schatzmann is a native of Mayville, but was in Ohio for some time and returned here about 12 years ago to engage in business. He has, in addition to his saloon on East Second street, a building on Limestone street, between Front and Second streets, which he uses for handling the product of the George Wiedemann Brewing Co. of Newport, Ky., having been their general agent here for ten years. This building includes a regular cold storage, and has a capacity for holding over a carload of beer at one time. The trade of Mr. Schatzmann is not confined to Mayville, where he keeps a wagon steadily engaged, but extends to almost every section of Mason county, and in the summer months about 100 cases of beer a week are required to meet the demands of his trade, besides a very large keg business, a large per cent. of the licensed places in Mayville keeping the Wiedemann Beer on draught. This beer has an excellent reputation, not only in the city where it is made but all over the state of Kentucky, and particularly in Mayville, where there is a large and increasing demand for it.

especially throughout Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois. That the shipping facilities of Mayville are unexcelled is testified to by the management of this concern, which finds a ready market for its products in Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, St. Louis, Chicago, New York and in fact all of the large cities, and most of the shipments are made from Mayville by water at a much lower freight rate than can possibly be obtained by rail. The mill, however, enjoys excellent facilities for receiving raw material and fuel and shipping manufactured product by rail, a sliding in rear of the mill enabling the handling of freight economically and expeditiously.

In 1888 the January & Wood Co. was incorporated with a capital stock of \$300,000, with B. W. Wood as President and Robert A. Cochran as Secretary. Upon the death of Mr. Cochran January 13th, 1896, he was succeeded as Secretary by his son, Robert A. Cochran, Jr., and in August of the same year B. W. Wood retired from the firm and A. M. J. Cochran succeeded to the Presidency. The Messrs. Cochran are grandsons of Mr. January, who so ably conducted the affairs of the business for years.

Some idea of the business done may be gained from the fact that last season they used 7,000 bales of cotton, which will average about 450 pounds to the bale, and the output amounts to 3,000,000 pounds of manufactured goods annually, with a disbursement of nearly \$45,000 in wages, which reverts to the till of our merchants. The mill has not lost a day for over three years except at short intervals to make necessary repairs.

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J. H. RAINS & SONS.

Manufacturers Cheiving Tobacco.



It has been demonstrated beyond a doubt that for chewing purposes no other section of country produces a more desirable tobacco than that raised in Mason and surrounding counties. J. H. Rains & Sons began the manufacture of chewing tobacco in Mayville in 1888 at their present location on Maddox avenue between Third and Fourth streets. The factory is a two-story brick, 40x80 feet, and here as high as 15 hands are employed in the manufacture of our local product into twist and plug tobacco, their specialty being twist. The brand that has gained a wide reputation, and one in which the firm prides themselves, is the "Rainbow." The firm uses the best of goods in the manufacture of its tobacco, and wherever they establish a trade for it they have permanent customers. They also make the "Buckshot" twist and the "Lady Shipper" brand of plug. The members of this firm compose the firm of J. H. Rains & Co., to which business they devote a great deal of their time.

LIMESTONE MILLING CO.

Pearce & Watson, Proprietors.

Prominent among Mayville's substantial manufacturing concerns is the Limestone Milling Co., which is one of the pioneer enterprises, having been originally established on the present site. The mill has always been considered among the best and has always enjoyed a good trade and an excellent reputation.

In 1888 the mill was rebuilt and refitted, it now consisting of the mill proper, 40x60 feet, four stories, and two warehouses 40x80 feet each, one being five stories, the other four, all substantially built of brick. In addition to these buildings they have a cooper shop on the premises where they manufacture all their own barrels. An elevator capacity of 60,000 bushels of wheat gives them necessary facilities for handling grain, and the mill can turn out 200 barrels of flour a day when running full time. An 80-horse power engine furnishes the power and 16 men find employment under the head miller, W. H. Sauvay, who is an expert miller of wide reputation, he having been connected with the mill since 1888. The mill has been improved from year to year as new machinery, new processes and new patents have been introduced into the business, so there is absolutely nothing lacking to make it first-class. Messrs. C. D. Pearce and H. D. Watson purchased the mill in 1892, and since that time Mr. Watson has been actively engaged in connection with it. Mr. Pearce devoted his time to other interests. The wheat used is all raised in this locality, and the leading brands, which are Limestone, Freestone, Mayville Fancy, Little Queen and Gem, are largely marketed from Cincinnati, O., to Charleston, W. Va., the firm enjoying an excellent local trade. The brands are so well established and have become so well and favorably known that no traveling salesman is necessary to introduce the goods, there being a steady demand for them equal to the supply. The feed manufactured at the mill is mostly shipped East to Baltimore, Philadelphia and Green Springs, W. Va. Mr. Pearce has been identified with the business interests of Mayville for years, and is known as a progressive business man who is ever ready to assist any legitimate enterprise, while Mr. Watson, who came here in 1891 and has been connected with this establishment since 1892, is recognized as one of our progressive manufacturers.

JOHN T. SMITH & CO.

Cigar Manufacture—Nos. 13 and 15 East Second Street.

Whatever the effect upon the consumer, (and there is no reliable proof that its use is injurious to health,) the great majority of men consume tobacco in some form—many of them in several forms—and the demand steadily increases rather than diminishes. A good deal of nonsense is uttered and put into circulation on this subject, the radicals taking high ground against the traffic, but the fact remains that the brightest men in the history of Great Britain and the United States—not to speak of Ireland and Germany—from Sir Walter Raleigh down to Gladstone, Parnell, Bismarck and all of our own statesmen, were and are devotees of the weed. The inference is therefore unavoidable that the smoker or chewer is at least the equal, mentally and physically, of the abstainer, and holds his own remarkably well in the contest for distinction and fullness of years. Mayville has proven an excellent market for tobacco as prepared for consumption, and the cigar-making interest here largely and rapidly increased, this firm being a good illustration of what has been done along that line. When John T. Smith & Co. began business here in the spring of 1881 on Market street the employees of the concern consisted of Mr. Smith and his associate in business, both of whom worked at the bench. Mr. Smith was determined to build up a business, however, and by straightforward business methods gradually gained the confidence of additional customers, and the business grew to such an extent that two years ago he was compelled to seek more commodious quarters, and he removed to the factory where now located, occupying two floors at Nos. 13 and 15 East Second street 40x80 feet. Here 14 hands are now kept busy in manufacturing cigars to fill the orders that are constantly coming in. That the trade would increase to this extent is due not only to a good market, but to polite and fair treatment, coupled with good goods. The output of this concern is sold in the same territory that constitutes a market for our wholesale houses and similar industries, being Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky. Some of the brands that have gained a reputation and which are now being largely sold are the Antonia, 10 cents, and Prince Henry, White Flyer and Club House, 5 cents. These are all well and favorably known to smokers in this section of country. Mr. Smith is an industrious and enterprising business man and is enjoying a constantly increasing trade, his output now being nearly one-half million cigars annually. His goods and methods are his best recommendation to the confidence and patronage of the public.

OHIO VALLEY PULLEY WORKS.

T. A. Keith President, J. W. Fitzgerald Vice-President, E. P. Browning Secretary and Treasurer.

No review of Mayville's manufacturing and commercial progress could make any pretension to completeness that should fail to mention of the above-named industrial institution, established in 1886 and incorporated with a capital of \$50,000. July 1, 1890, the works were destroyed by fire, but before the ashes were cold the management had begun to lay plans for the erection of a new plant. A more convenient site was first selected, and they are now located on the C. and O. Railroad with a convenient siding for handling their goods, these works having been started October 1st. Some idea of the expediency with which the new buildings were pushed to completion may be gained from the fact that the contractor, Mr. I. M. Lane, cut the timber that was used in the erection, built the substantial structures now occupied and turned them over to the firm within 32 days. This required the extra efforts of over 100 mechanics, and the work was well and thoroughly done. The capacity of the present factory is more than three times that of the old one, and although they are running 14 hours a day they are now six months behind with orders. The buildings include the main factory, dry kiln, lumber sheds, warehouse and engine and boiler house, and have a floor space of 122,000 square feet. A large 150-horse power engine furnishes the power, and an electric light plant in connection is a great convenience, while all necessary machinery of modern designs for the manufacture of wood pulleys has been installed. Ninety skilled mechanics find regular employment under the superintendency of J. W. Piper and T. A. Hickman, who are experienced and competent men in their respective departments. Mr. Hickman having been connected with the factory since its inception and Mr. Piper having succeeded D. A. Sprinkle in 1890. The raw material used is largely the product of Kentucky soil, while the output now finds a market in every quarter of the civilized globe, a carload having been recently shipped to Germany, as well as large orders to other foreign countries. Agencies are established in nearly every city of importance in the United States, and the outside business is carefully looked after by S. P. Browning, who is the general sales agent.

Mr. E. P. Browning, the Secretary, Treasurer and General Manager, is a native of Mayville, and was engaged in the hardware business for 25 years prior to assuming his present duties. After looking the field over carefully he became convinced that Mayville was a good location for the manufacture of their product, which is a wood split pulley with adjustable bushing, the two different kinds being known as the "Sprinkle" and "Limestone" Wood Split Pulleys; and it is largely through his personal efforts that the citizens of Mayville can point with pride to this grand industry.

JAMES S. REDMOND.

A practical cigar-maker, began business for himself in 1883, and four years ago engaged in the grocery business in connection with his factory. He has a retail store in connection with his factory at No. 125 West Second street, his leading brand being New Portico and his trade largely local, shipping some to surrounding cities. His grocery is adjoining at 125½ West Second.

JAMES STEWART.

No. 37 East Third Street.

Mr. Stewart is a practical cigar-maker of 23 years experience who, realizing the increased activity in the cigar-making industry, established himself in business May 22, 1890. Industry and tact always win, and in less than a year he has made a market for his goods in Mayville and vicinity, the demand steadily increasing from the first. At present he has two hands employed at the bench and it is impossible for him to keep up with his orders. New issue is the brand of cigars in which he is building up a reputation, and this factory bids fair to rank among the leading and most prominent concerns of Mayville.

MAYSVILLE MANUFACTURING CO.

L. M. Mills, Manager.

The Mayville Manufacturing Co. is among our prominent lumber concerns that make a specialty of high grade work. Started in 1884 it has gradually grown into prominence until from ten to twelve hands are now employed. The mill is a two-story brick with carpenter shop and office at No. 551 West Second street adjoining. The mill is a complete one of its kind, fitted up with reference to modern requirements, and of large capacity, turning out every description of fine dressed lumber, doors, sash, blinds, brackets, mouldings and all kinds of work in hard wood, including rails, etc., of every description, such as desks, counters, inside finish for banks, hotels and residences, a specialty being made of furnishing and fitting store fixtures complete and fine stair building. Large quantities of hard wood of all kinds and for all purposes are carried in stock as well as pine—the latter being received largely from Michigan and Wisconsin. Rough lumber is purchased at home where it can be bought to the best advantage.

The manager, Mr. Mills, is a thorough business man and commands a growing trade, the business from year to year showing a marked increase. Contractors, and in fact anybody, desiring anything in this line will find at the Mayville Manufacturing Co. the very best materials and the latest designs in the market, prompt attention and reasonable prices.

J. H. ROGERS & CO.

Distillery.

If there is any one branch of industry in which, more than in all others, Mayville excels, it is her distilleries, for which she is famous in every state in the Union and even in foreign countries. Their aim has apparently been purity and honesty in the manufacture, the results being the achievement of a success at least equal to and in many respects far beyond that obtained by their less favored competitors elsewhere. Conspicuous among them is the Limestone Distillery, owned and conducted by J. H. Rogers & Co. This concern manufactures but one brand of whiskey—"Limestone"—which has gained an excellent reputation wherever marketed.

The distillery is an old and thoroughly established one, having been in existence in this city since 1874. Wiskaty & Rogers were the former owners, and in 1884 the present firm succeeded them. Upon the death of J. H. Rogers in 1890 Mr. Frank H. Clarke assumed control of the affairs of the business, and under his management the trade has steadily grown and been extended until shipments are now made to all points of the United States. The distillery, which is known as the "Limestone," is located in the West end of the city on Little Limestone creek. It has a capacity of 200 bushels of grain daily, which is sufficient for the manufacture of 20 barrels of whiskey. Twelve or fourteen hands are employed in the works and two traveling salesmen look after the interest of the firm on the road. Two offices and a free warehouse are located on the distillery property, and although the firm makes no special effort to control local trade, yet they enjoy a liberal share of that patronage. In connection with the distillery is a Government Bottling Department, where all bottled and cased goods that are put up are bottled in bond, which guarantees absolute purity and reliability of the goods, the work being done under the supervision of a Government Inspector, who places a stamp on each bottle, which denotes the age, character and quantity in the same.

COLLINS & RUDY LUMBER CO.

A recent addition to the Collins & Rudy Lumber Co.'s establishment at Second and Poplar streets, Fifth Ward, gives that Company one of the most commodious and most substantial as well as one of the best equipped industrial plants in Mayville. It is doubtful whether another city anywhere on the Ohio river can boast of a finer establishment of this kind.

The new addition is a two-story, iron-clad, metal-roof structure, 45 feet wide and 100 feet in depth, extending from the office building on the corner back along Poplar street to an alley which separates it from the Company's large three-story brick planing-mill. The office building was extended so as to make it the same width of the new building, the two were then connected, making one structure—extending from Second street to the alley mentioned above.

The office building is admitted to be the handsomest and most expensive in Mayville. It is of very pretty design and finely finished, and was erected a few years ago, previous to the death of the late H. H. Collins, one of the founders of the establishment. The main office is the corner room, and there are two private offices West of it. Over the main office is the draughtsman's room, just North of the main office on the ground floor is the glazier's room. The rear of the ground floor of the new building is used for storing dressed lumber. The South portion of the second floor of the new building is used for storing sash, doors and blinds. The North half of this floor is fitted up as a carpenter shop, with a glue-room in one corner, next to the planing-mill, for the manufacture of hardwood doors and veneer work, this glue-room being heated by steam from the planing-mill.

The second floor is connected with the planing-mill by bridge, affording easy access from one building to the other, and the establishment is fitted up with elevator and other apparatus for the prompt handling of lumber.

The Company's sawmill occupies the corner just opposite the planing-mill.

The new building and other improvements just completed gives this enterprising Company ample accommodations and equipment for conducting the most extensive business of the kind in Northeastern Kentucky.

In addition to being a complete plant in its line, it is among the older enterprises of the city, having been started in 1868 by Chase, Dimmitt & Co., with H. H. Collins as the company. Dimmitt, Pearce & Co. succeeded them, and in 1875 Mr. H. H. Collins bought the plant and conducted it, with several changes in the firm, until 1885, when it was incorporated as the Collins & Rudy Lumber Co. In 1887 Mr. Collins purchased his partners interests in the concern, and upon his death in September of the same year the business was placed in the control of members of his family, the officers of the Company now being M. J. Collins President, O. E. Collins Vice-President, H. C. Sharp Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. O. E. Collins is a son of the late H. H. Collins and is a thoroughly practical and experienced man in every branch of the business, while Mr. H. C. Sharp, who acts as Secretary and Treasurer, is a competent man in that position. The business has shown a marked increase in the past two years, and in addition to their lumber business the firm have added a line of mauls, paints, oils, glass, builders' hardware, builders' paper and everything that goes to complete a house. They do contracting and building and are very much in evidence in their line in this city and surrounding country.

A. HAUCKE & SONS.

Cigar Manufacturers.

The latest addition to the business firms of Mayville is that of A. Haucke & Sons, which succeeded E. White the first of the present month at Nos. 17 and 19 West Second street. They are all practical cigar-makers. Mr. A. Haucke having been a resident of this city since 1855 and engaged at cigar-making for over forty years, while his sons who are associated with him have both been raised in the business. He is not only a practical cigar-maker, but is an experienced business man as well, having previously conducted a factory of his own. This company has purchased the interests of Mr. White in the cigar-making business with a view of not only holding the old trade, but of building up a larger and more flourishing business. They now have five hands employed, and in addition to manufacturing the old brand, Senate, which has been made by this factory, they are making the Morning Mail, which will be one of their special 5-cent brands and in which they will undoubtedly build up a large trade. These brands will be supplemented by others from time to time and they will all include the best of stock in their manufacture. Success to the new firm.

MAYSVILLE ICE CO.

Pearce & Foster, Proprietors.

One of our manufacturing, in which all of the citizens are interested and which, has become classed among the necessities, is the Mayville Ice Co. The manufacturing of ice was introduced in Mayville about 17 years ago, and for 10 years past Mr. Foster has been identified with the business, he having been engaged in the natural ice business prior to that time. In 1897 the present business was established by Pearce & Foster. A new plant complete in every respect was erected at the corner of Union and Third streets, on the line of the railroad, they having a siding of their own for the convenience of shipping. The factory represents an investment of \$25,000 and is up-to-date in every detail, having a capacity for making 20 tons of ice daily and 234,000 cubic feet of cold storage room. During the summer months their capacity is taxed to supply the demand and the cold storage department is always in demand, a large per cent. of the business in that line being from outside parties.

The business is owned by C. D. Pearce and I. N. Foster. Mr. Foster having active charge of all of the details. He is a native of Mayville and has been connected with the ice business for many years.

MAYSVILLE BRICK CO.

A. C. Spahr President, John H. Hall Secretary and Treasurer.

The Mayville Brick Co. was incorporated with the above officers and began business in 1894, and it today ranks with the largest and most complete in this country, being the only one in operation in Mason county at the present time. The plant embraces 20 acres of land just East of the city, on which is located their kilns and buildings, containing the latest and most improved machinery, where 40 to 50 hands are employed in the manufacture of brick, with a capacity for turning out 40,000 a day. It is without doubt the best and most thoroughly equipped yard in the Ohio Valley, and a superior quality of brick is manufactured, which is best shown by the fact that they receive the highest market price for all they sell, and there is a constant demand for their product, 80 per cent. of which is shipped outside of Mason county. They not only have a landing on the river front, but have a railroad siding which is over a quarter of a mile long, and their freight tonnage on the railroads is much in excess of any other Mayville concern, they having sent out over 300 carloads of brick during the past year. The works are complete in all their appointments and represent a large investment of capital. That they are presided over by a thoroughly competent man goes without saying. The practical man of the concern, Mr. A. C. Spahr, was born in Ohio. He was raised in Campbell county, Ky., and began brick-making with his father when a small boy, having been engaged in the business continuously since and connected with shipping brick to Cincinnati for all of 30 years. He started the first machine brickyard ever in Mayville in 1877, and is well and favorably known among the best and most practical brick manufacturers of the United States. Mr. John H. Hall, the Secretary and Treasurer of the concern, is a native of Mayville. He was formerly in the plow business, and is known by the citizens of Mayville as a careful, conservative and energetic business man.

THE OLD TIME DISTILLERY.

The H. E. Pogue Distillery Co., Proprietors.

This distillery, located in the West end of the city, was established in 1875 by John N. Thomas and Henry E. Pogue and upon the death of the original proprietors came into possession of the present firm known as the H. E. Pogue Distillery Co. It was organized and has always been owned and controlled by local business men. The plant has a mashing capacity of 600 bushels of grain per day, most of which is raised in this vicinity and distilling 50 barrels of whiskey daily, and it is said by those who know that there is no better distillery in Kentucky. The Company has had an enormous increase in its business during the past four years in the demand for their "Old Time" Bourbon and "Old Mayville Club" Rye, and especially in Rye Whiskies, of which they make a superior grade, their special brand, which has been on the market for over 25 years, and one which has always been made under the same formula, being the "Old Mayville Club." This whiskey has a wide reputation and is shipped all over the country, orders even coming direct from as distant points as Oklahoma. In fact it is the distinctive claim and reputation of the "Old Time Distillery," as the plant is known, that for more than a quarter of a century these whiskies have been made under a fixed formula, never changed or cheapened in character, and perhaps this is the only distillery in the state that can establish such a claim.

The "Old Time" Distillery is a modern plant and thoroughly up-to-date in its equipment. An expensive plant was put in two years ago for drying distilled grain or slop, which renders it more adaptable for feeding stock. The dried slop makes a fine feed and is largely exported to Germany, but of late there has been considerable local demand, and the farmers are gradually realizing the advantages to be gained from feeding it to their stock. It is not only cheaper than other feed, but the nutritious and fattening qualities are far in excess of any other feed, and now that it can be obtained right here at home the farmers are beginning to realize its virtues, and the indications are that it will not be long until the demands will equal the immense quantity that this distillery turns out.